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DIST: 09 DECEMBER 1987

COUNTRY: CHILE [REDACTED]

SUBJ: COMMENTS BY A CHILEAN COMMUNIST [REDACTED] ON
THE CARRENO KIDNAPPING AND RELEASE

DOI: [REDACTED] DECEMBER 1987

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

TEXT: 1. ACCORDING TO A [REDACTED] MEMBER OF THE CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCCH), LIEUTENANT COLONEL CARLOS ((CARRENO)) BARRERA COOPERATED WITH HIS MANUEL RODRIGUEZ PATRIOTIC FRONT (FPMR) CAPTORS AND AGREED WITH THE DECISION TO BE TAKEN OUT OF CHILE AND RELEASED IN BRAZIL.

[REDACTED]

2. THE PCCH MEMBER SAID THAT THE FPMR FELT CARRENO WAS IN DANGER FROM HIS OWN GOVERNMENT AND THAT IF HE WERE TO BE RELEASED IN CHILE HE MIGHT BE KILLED OR TREATED AS A MENTAL CASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE (GOC) BECAUSE OF HIS COLLABORATION WITH THE FPMR.

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3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: CARRENO'S INITIAL STATEMENTS AS THEY APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS ON 3 DECEMBER INDICATED HIS TOTAL FAITH IN CHILEAN PRESIDENT AUGUSTO ((PINOCHET)) UGARTE AND THE CHILEAN ARMY. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN TRANSPORTED TO BRAZIL DURING A SIX DAY TRIP BY TRUCK INSIDE OF A BOX AND THAT HE HAD BEEN DRUGGED. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN DETAINED IN

THREE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN CHILE, ONE OF WHICH WAS FULL OF EXPLOSIVES. DURING HIS CAPTIVITY, HE WAS WELL TREATED AS A PRISONER OF WAR AND HAD POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS CAPTORS BUT HE NEVER SAW THEIR FACES. IN CONTRAST, IN A STORY IN "LA EPOCA" DATED IN SAO PAULO, BY CRISTIAN ((BOFILL)), THE JOURNALIST AT "O DIARIO DE SAO PAULO" WHO FIRST INTERVIEWED CARRENO, BOFILL REPORTED THAT CARRENO EXHIBITED GREAT NERVOUSNESS WHEN HE DEPARTED FROM SAO PAULO AIRPORT ON THE MORNING OF 3 DECEMBER VIA THE CHILEAN MILITARY PLANE THAT HAD BEEN SENT TO PICK HIM UP. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, CARRENO WAS SURROUNDED BY SIX CHILEAN SECURITY ESCORTS AND HIS ARMS WERE BEING HELD BY TWO BRAZILIAN POLICEMEN. BOFILL CONTRASTED CARRENO'S NERVOUSNESS WITH THE SMILE CARRENO EXHIBITED WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE AND ADDED THAT THE SMILE FADED LITTLE BY LITTLE AFTER CARRENO HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CHILEAN DIPLOMATS IN SAO PAULO AND CHILEAN MILITARY OFFICERS IN SANTIAGO. BOFILL ADDED THAT CARRENO LEFT THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 3 DECEMBER

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AND WAS ALLOWED NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE PRESS. OTHER MEDIA STORIES REPORT THAT UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN SANTIAGO, HE WAS TAKEN DIRECTLY TO THE SANTIAGO MILITARY HOSPITAL FOR OBSERVATION. ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT PINOCHET, SINCE CARRENO WAS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE FPMR FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS, HE WILL NEED TO BE OBSERVED AND "PROFOUNDLY STUDIED." IN ADDITION, CARRENO HAS CHANGED TWO PORTIONS OF HIS ORIGINAL STORY: HE NOW SAYS HE SPOKE LITTLE WITH HIS CAPTORS AND THAT HE DOESN'T REALLY REMEMBER HOW HE GOT TO BRAZIL BUT THAT IT HAD TO BE IN A VEHICLE.)

